

SENATE BILL 255

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 22,
relative to jury service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-1-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(e) Any person who is seventy (70) years of age or older may request the jury coordinator of the county in which the person resides to remove the person's name from the jury list of the county. The jury coordinator of the county shall remove the person's name upon receiving the request. The request must be made in writing and must be accompanied by an affidavit giving the person's name, age, and such other information as the jury coordinator may require. Failure to provide satisfactory documentation may result in a denial of the request to be excused. The jury coordinator of each county shall make available affidavit forms for the purpose of this subsection.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-2-306(a)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(6) Process by which the juror may attempt to be excused due to age or a hardship pursuant to § 22-1-103, including the juror's obligation to submit documentation in support of the juror's request; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.